

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 02-03-19**

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Business Meeting: March 19, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2001.10.144 – MPC Portfolio Docket – Placeholder to consider various filings in this docket, including NAE request for oral argument, actions on subpoenas, protected information challenge and perhaps others. (3/19/02)
2. D2001.9.128 – MDU Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) – Discuss/act on Commission's Response to MDU's IRP. (3/19/02)
3. D2001.12.173 – Fairmont Hot Springs Initial Sewer Rates - Fairmont Condo Association's Petition for Late Intervention. (3/19/02)
4. D2001.12.165 – AT&T Application to Withdraw Sent-Paid Coin Service – Discuss MCC's withdrawal of intervention and request for hearing and act on AT&T's application to withdraw sent-paid coin service. (3/19/02)

5. D2000.5.63 – Ronan v. Blackfoot and Clark Fork – Placeholder to discuss and act on motions for reconsideration of Commission Order 6235a/6404 issued 2/27/02. (3/19/02)
6. D2000.5.63 – Ronan v. Blackfoot and Clark Fork – Discuss and act on proposed procedural order and proposed Notice of Inquiry. (3/19/02)
7. D2000.5.70 – Qwest 271 Proceeding – Review comments received and make findings concerning 3 issues identified in request for comments as one part of final wrap-up proceeding: (1)Qwest's wholesale performance results; (2) unresolved issue regarding checklist item #11 – local number portability; and (3) suggestions for different procedure or a additional topics for final omnibus proceeding. (3/19/02)
8. FCC 02-8; CC Docket No. 02-6 – Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism – Discuss drafted comments; provide direction on comments. (3/19/02)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. CENTURYTEL OF MONTANA N2002.2.27 (Leroy)

On February 27, 2002 CenturyTel of Montana submitted Tariff Advice No. 02-1 to introduce a promotional offering in which the non-recurring charge will be waived when customers subscribe to additional residential or business lines at the same premise. CenturyTel desires to offer this promotion from April 1, 2002 through May 31, 2002.

2. AT&T, N2002.2.23 (Dave B)

On February 25, 2002, AT&T filed Tariff Transmittal 2002-07, requesting changes to AT&T's Montana Local Exchange Services Tariff. This filing introduces AT&T Digital Link ABN \$500.00 Vendor Credit Promotion in Montana. Customers must commit to \$1000.00 of AT&T Digital Link Service usage or AT&T Digital Link Flat Rate Half/Full DS-1 MRC revenue during a six month period after enrollment in this promotion. A location cannot receive more than one credit in a six month period. This promotion is limited to not more than 100 locations.

This promotion will expire six months after Commission approval.

3. MONTANA POWER COMPANY DOCKET NO. D97.11.219 (Eric)

On March 11, 2002, MPC filed its sixth semi-annual true-up Advice Letter pursuant to Order No. 6035a. This filing is made by MPC in its role as servicer of the Natural Gas Transition Bonds. If the previous six-month period variance between the scheduled debt service and the actual amounts available to satisfy the scheduled debt service for such period exceeds 2 percent MPC is required to apply for adjustment to the Fixed Transition Amount (FTA) charges. The variance for the period was an over collection of 5.22 percent or \$219,530. The variance was a result of higher actual collections versus the prior estimated collections. The new increased FTA rates include the overcollection. Staff recommends that the increases in the FTA charges be approved effective April 1, 2002.

4. Qwest Corporation Docket No. N2002.2.26 (Scott)

On February 26, 2002 Qwest filed tariff transmittal 02-06. In this filing Qwest is proposing to offer a new service for residence customers which is called *I-Called*. *I-Called* is a point-of-sale service for residence callers who encounter no-answer conditions. It will initially be available only in a limited number of Montana offices. The service is priced exclusively on a

pay-per-use basis at \$.95 per use. After a caller encounters 34 second (six Complete ring) of ring-no-answer, the network providers a prompt presenting the caller the opportunity to record his/her name and telephone number for automated delivery to the called party.

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Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-02-06

New Filings Received in Past Week

- N2002.2.30 OCM, Inc. dba One Call Communications, Inc. - Request for Waiver of Applicable Slamming Rules
- D2002.3.31 Energy West - Monthly Gas Tracker
- D2002.3.32 Qwest Corporation & Premiere Network Services, Inc. - Agreement for Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunications Services